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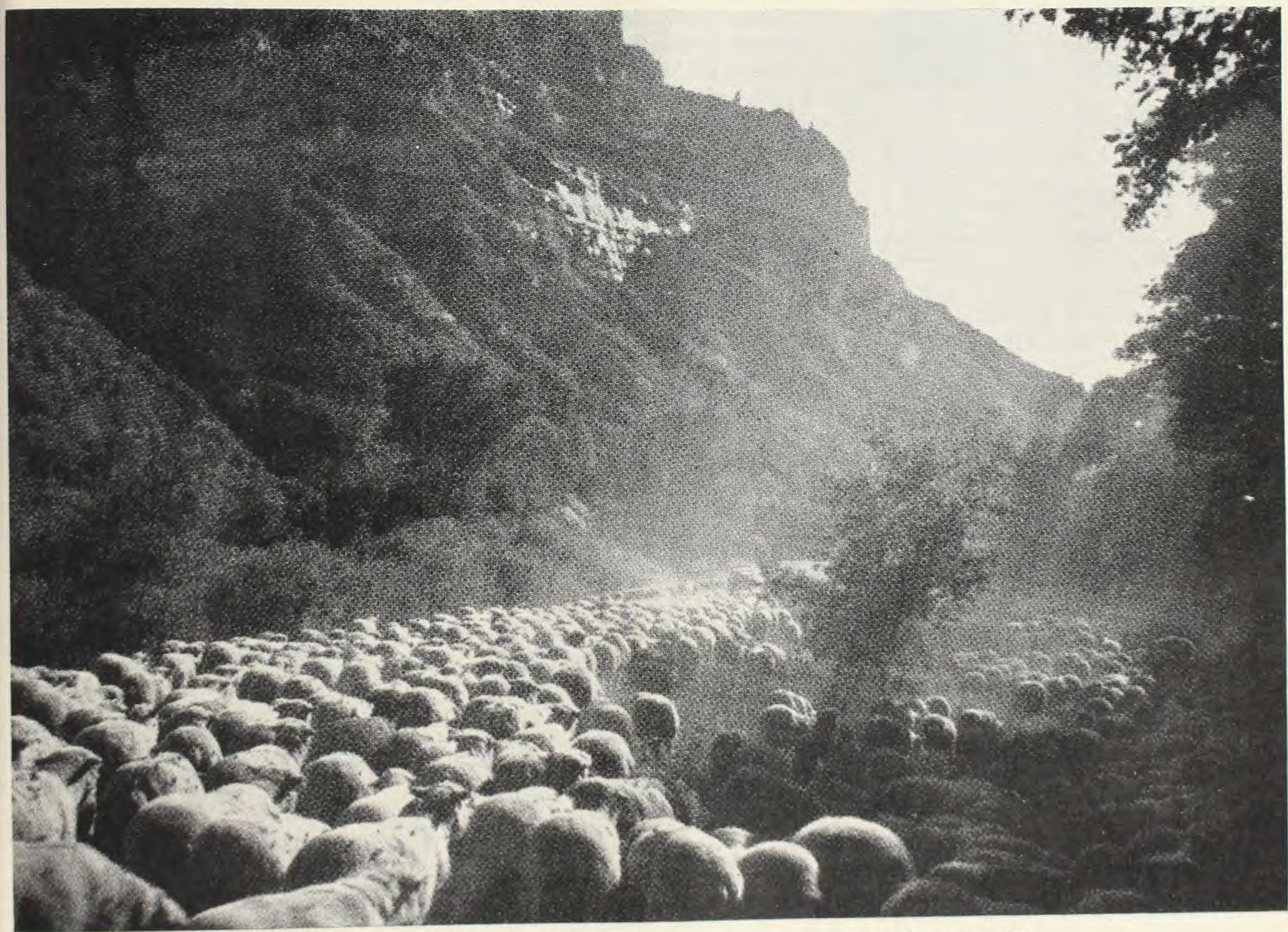
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"... and the sheep hear His voice. . ." (John 10:3)

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Know Your Council of Ten



By Earl V. Willetts

It was after His resurrection. The disciples were just returning from a fruitless fishing expedition. Just before they drew their boat up on the shore Jesus appeared and spoke to them. There was an awkward silence. After all it was only a few days since they had all forsaken Him and fled (Matt. 26:56). The awkward silence was broken by Jesus' penetrating question to Peter. Why did He ask it three times? Surely it was not because He did not know the answer. Can it be that He was reminding

Peter and the others of Peter's three-fold denial. Three times Peter had said, "I know Him not". Three times Jesus asked, "Lovest thou me?"

It was a searching question. "Simon, son of Jonas." This was his name before he became a follower of Christ. It seems to imply "Peter, do you remember what you were? Do you remember your human weakness? Well, the flesh has not been eradicated."

It was a probing question. "More than these?" Not more than you love these fishing boats, nets, tackle, etc., but do you love me more than these other disciples do? Just a few days before this Peter had boasted, "Though all men should be offended because of Thee, yet will I never be offended." (Matt. 16:33) Peter do you love me more than these who never boasted so?

It was a stinging question. Was Jesus cruel in thus taking Peter back over the sins which led to his downfall? No, on the contrary, He was very kind and gentle. He was knocking the scabs off, as it were, so Peter could see the ugly sores of self-confidence, boasting, cowardice, etc. Such sores must be opened and cauterized with the Word or there would always be seething infection under the surface. It is the hard and painful way, but it is the only right way. "Lovest thou me?"

Rev. Earl V. Willetts

Our brother Willetts was born in Erie, Pennsylvania. While attending a camp in McClellan, Alabama he saw his need of a Saviour, and there opened his heart to Christ. He was baptized in the First Baptist Church of Key West, Florida.

Called of God to preach, he felt led to take his training at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. He was, at this time, a married man with family. Four children appear on his graduation picture.

In 1934 he accepted a call to the Calvary Baptist Church, Bellefontaine, Ohio. From there in 1947 he

was led of the Lord to accept a call to the Grayton Road Baptist Church, in Berea, Ohio. In 1951 this church moved to a new location in Berea and changed its name to Berea Baptist Church. They have just completed the third unit of the building — a new auditorium.

The Willetts have seven children, four girls and three boys. One is up THERE in the land of the living; six are down here in the land of the dying. All of their children except one live in Ohio. Three of them, with their families, are members of Berea Baptist Church.

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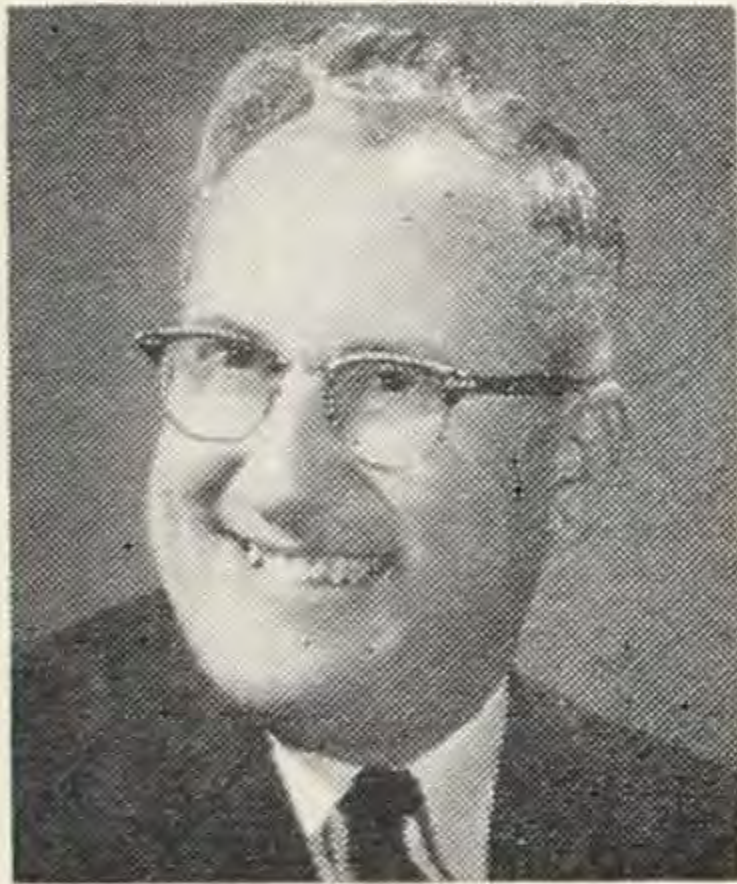
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Your State Missionary



Rev. Earl D. Umbaugh

Report on Churches

The Oberlin Calvary Baptist Church had their first birthday on May 9th and have had a full-time pastor since last July. They are averaging over 50 in the Morning Worship Service,

40 in Sunday School and 45 in the Sunday Evening Services. Eighteen have made professions of faith in Christ, six have been baptized and the church now has 29 members. A business man, in a recent testimony meeting, said, "I think we all ought to give praise tonight for those who are responsible in bringing the pastor to Oberlin. It is because of his faithful witnessing that I have come to Christ." The church is now organized and had their Recognition Council at the First Baptist Church, Elyria, Ohio on June 7th.

In Cincinnati, a week-night Bible class is being taught by Mr. Howard Short in an attempt to draw together a large enough nucleus to start Sunday Services. The classes are usually held on Tuesday nights at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald B. Wothe, Apartment 21, 10857 Sharondale Road, Pray for this work.

At Brownsville, Ohio, another group of folk have been gathering each week. These are fine spiritual people with a burden to see a strong, spiritual, evangelistic work started in their community. There are eight rural townships in the southeastern Ohio area that could be reached through such a church.

In East Toledo, your State Missionary met for the first time with a group that are anxious to establish a new work. This endeavor is being sponsored by the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo and other churches of the North Bethel Association.

The new church at Vienna continues to grow! The people are zealous in their house to house visitation work. In the first nine months of their existence, they have seen 39 professions of faith. There have been 32 baptized. The church is now seeking land upon which to build.

A WORD from the EDITOR . . .

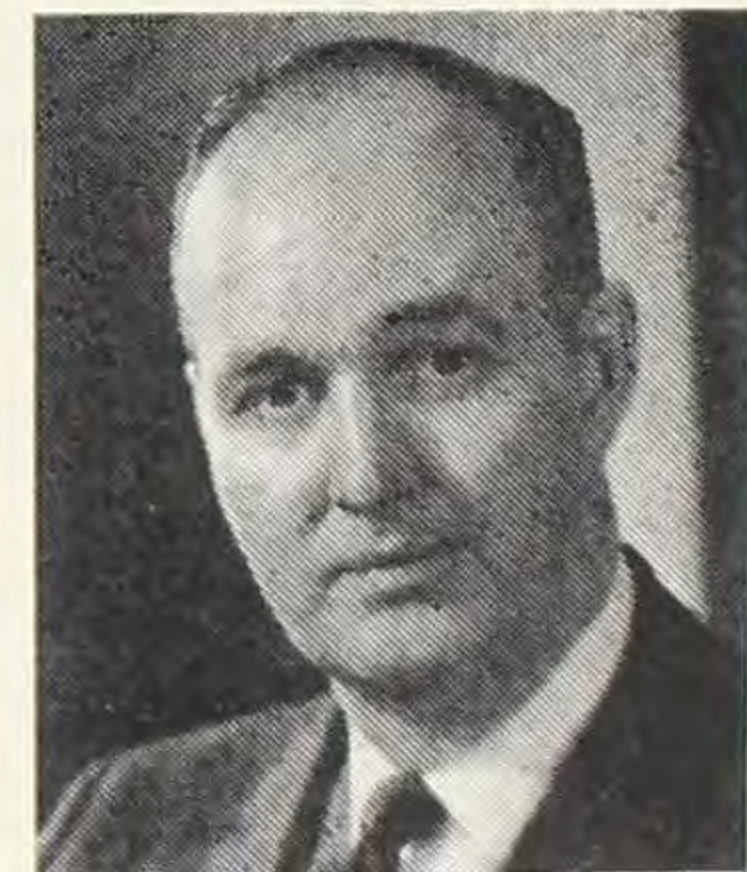
This past week we asked our Circulation Manager, Mr. Stuart Chaffe, to give us the total number of those subscribing to the Ohio Independent Baptist. He gave us the following report which is cause for rejoicing. As of December 1, there were 887 paid subscriptions. By the first of January, 65 new subscribers had been added to our list. In February we gained 88 more. In March — 75, April—161, May—141, and by June 1 another 88. We are writing this on June 11 and already this month (because of the contest) we have received 225. A careful adding of these figures will give you a total of 1730. This is our total number of subscribers. Actually, each month we send out 1857 copies of our magazine. There are some individuals, as well as churches, who receive more than a single copy. "This IS the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes."

In a letter from Mr. Raymond Folk, 402 Baxter Street, Medina, Ohio we find that he has been a continuous subscriber since Vol 1,

No. 1. No doubt there are others like him. We appreciate his continued faithfulness through the years.

This brings us to this thought. We would like to run an article entitled, "Looking Back." After all, the O.I.B. is now in its 38th year! It would prove, I am sure, a thing of interest to go through the files and bring to light some interesting facts of the "yesteryears." In order to do a thorough job on this, we stand in need of back issues. If you've any around . . . anything prior to 1965 . . . and are willing to part with them, we would appreciate having them. Actually, the O.I.B. itself has no complete file of back copies. LET US HEAR FROM YOU!

About the SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST we had for the young people. The winners are being notified and will be given their free week at camp. Only seven churches had young people interested enough to take part. These were able to obtain over 200 new subscribers. THINK what would have happened had fifty or a hundred churches cooperated!



A. Donald Moffat

The other day we received a letter from a Methodist preacher complimenting us on the O.I.B. and along with his kind words a check for two dollars for a year's subscription. It is strange indeed that we can gain the interest of one who is not even a Baptist and yet are unable to reach about forty of the pastors in our own O.A.R.B.C. fellowship. That's right . . . just about forty of our own O.A.R.B.C. pastors don't even subscribe! If this magazine is to continue to grow, then everyone must show interest. If you already subscribe, why not break down and subscribe for a friend. WE NEED MORE SUBSCRIBERS NOW!

Why Suburbia?

By Dr. Kenneth H. Good

The term "Missions," when applied to our own nation, has traditionally taken on connotations which involve mental images of slum areas or specialized ethnic groups. As a consequence the idea of "foreign" still attaches to such efforts, for while the geography involved may be within our national confines, the cultural orientation is definitely outside the accepted "American" pattern. This psychological limitation of the term "Missions" has had a bad effect upon the total picture and has resulted in a weakening of the whole structure of activity.

Suburbia, U.S.A. is today a tremendously needy mission field. Multiplied thousands in the emerging areas which make up this burgeoning opportunity do not have the Gospel preached to them on a local level. Above and beyond that, the peculiar strategy of reaching this complex field now involves the entire global program of Mt. 28:18-20. Unless we reach Suburbia *effectively* in the immediate future, foreign missionary effort will suffer irreparable harm soon thereafter.

This emphasis is based upon the simple principle that any structure, whether it be architectural or organizational, must have an adequate foundation for support lest it weaken, shift, and crumble.

The Lord Jesus Christ first "came unto His own" (John 1:11). He originally commissioned the apostles to go exclusively to Israel, avoiding the Samaritans and the Gentiles (Mt. 10:5, 6). Even after His resurrection, and in connection with the age-long Gospel commission, He commanded that this ministry should begin "at Jerusalem" before it extended to "all nations" (Lk. 24:47; Acts 1:8).

Peter and Paul's Method

This procedure was followed by Peter, as well as by Paul, so that the basic method of expansion was to enlarge the ministry in ever-widening circles of concentric, spiritual influence. Any departure from this norm (Acts 16:6-11) comes by

special guidance and is obviously for purposes of establishing a new strategic center from which to export the message, as before. The entrance of the Gospel into Europe was the outgrowth of the Philippian beach-head.

Business men employ this strategy when they develop an operation and establish credit in U.S.A. before they expand into some foreign nation where they will *temporarily* draw upon the resources previously established.

Military men employ this strategy when they first build up huge stock-piles of reserves in this country and later transfer them to some "secured" territory in another part of the world from which to press their campaign.



Dr. Kenneth H. Good

Construction men, be they architects or contractors, depend fully upon this principle when they erect a building of any sort. The foundation is one of the most important phases of their work, and any deficiency in this basic structure must result in difficulty and could involve total collapse.

Someone has said that the greatest thing we learn from history is that we do not learn anything from history. This seems to be especially applicable to our present problem because Christians seem bent on repeating the errors of their forefathers, as may be demonstrated in the experiences of three nations:

Consider Germany

(a) Germany was the site of a great spiritual awakening two centuries ago. The Moravians, under Count Zinzendorf, established a missionary center at Herrnhut from which the Gospel was exported in a greater *per capita* measure than in any previous time to the days of the apostles. Moravian missionaries reached practically all parts of the known world *but Germany!*

Simultaneously another movement arose in this nation. Infidelity, known as German Rationalism, took control of higher schools of learning and eventually poisoned the minds of the seminarians and the pastors. The German churches became liberal, the political life turned to *statism*, and the same nation that once was the center of an epochal *foreign* missionary movement became a war machine which exported destruction and bathed the world in blood twice in one generation!

Today in this land of Martin Luther there are no Moravian missionaries, no Krummachers, no Schaffs, no Langes, blessing the world with their ministries, but merely a dead memory of a spiritual glory now departed. The nation is split in two, half of it bound in the irons of tyranny. Would it not have been otherwise if the spiritual blessings of Herrnhut had been in part directed toward "Der Vaterland?"

Consider Great Britain

(b) Great Britain was the site of a great spiritual awakening two centuries ago. As a result of the Wesley and Whitefield revivals, chapels, societies, Sunday Schools and churches abounded in the land. This spiritual movement radically affected the life of the whole nation and resulted in erecting an invisible barrier against the evils of the French Revolution. Its spiritual momentum was felt for a century or more as it was carried along with better theology by Robert Hall, Alexander MacLaren, and C. H. Spurgeon.

Great Britain became the site of a tremendous exportation of the Gospel. In the person of William Carey the modern missionary movement began, and scores of outstanding spiritual men followed his steps in reaching the world with the message. As it could be said a century ago that "the sun never sets upon the British Empire," so also it could be accurately stated that there was never a time

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FIRE Destroys Two Boys' Cabins At Scioto Hills



(Editor's Note: Just prior to taking our final copy to the printer, we received word from our brother Norman Bosworth concerning the fire at Scioto Hills. This comes at a difficult time, just prior to the opening of the summer camp program, but our God is able. We must lean heavily on Romans 8:28. These dear folk need all the prayer and financial help we can give them.)

Two of the cabins at Scioto Hills Baptist Camp were completely destroyed by fire Friday, June 10th. Sparks from a drill being used to install the plumbing for the bathrooms ignited the shavings, and set off the fire.

The Fire Company from South Webster was summoned, but were unable to contain the blaze which spread from one cabin to the other due to high winds.

Twenty-five mattresses were all that was saved, with both cabins burning completely to the ground. Fire insurance will cover the major cost of rebuilding, but it will be impossible to rebuild before our camp season begins on June 27th.

Adequate and comfortable, temporary housing is being arranged to house the campers so that camp will proceed as scheduled without restrictions in the number of campers or changes in any of the schedule.

Most of the mattress covers which had been made for these cabins by ladies in the churches of the State were consumed. This is an SOS for replacements! Additional finances will be needed to provide adequate, comfortable, temporary housing for the summer. Any help will be greatly appreciated, and put to good use. Pastor William McKeever, 1119 E. 25th Ave., Columbus, serves as treasurer and may be contacted also concerning mattress covers.

Dodge Van Given for Missionary Work



Following the morning worship service at the First Baptist Church, Blanchester, last May 22nd, a service of dedication was held. Rev. Wm. Large, missionary to Iquitos, Peru under the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, was presented with the keys to a 1966 Dodge Van. Seen above is Mr. Homer Pummell, representative of the Hollon Sales and Service, Blanchester presenting the keys to Missionary Large. Rev. Wm. Russell, pastor of the Blanchester church is looking on.

The purchase of this Dodge Van was a special undertaking of the First Baptist Church in their expanding missionary program. Rev. Large will use the van in the distribution of Bibles and other Gospel literature. Members and friends of First Baptist have supported Rev. and Mrs. Large for the past sixteen years and are happy now for the extension of their ministry into the literature field.

Cedarville College Quartet on Tour



The Volunteers Quartet of Cedarville College began a heavy summer schedule this past June 10th. They will be travelling representing Christ and the College. Their tour covers a period of better than nine weeks. They are booked almost solid in churches in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, New York, New Jersey, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Missouri.

Members of the group are Merlyn Jones, a Senior from Stanton, Michigan; Dan Boyd, a Junior from Oreana, Illinois; Tim Timmons, a Senior from Blanchester, Ohio and Ted Clater, a Junior from Warsaw, Indiana. They are accompanied at the piano by Clifford Layner, a Freshman from Little Hocking, Ohio.

Heart to Heart Among the Women

Mrs. Inez Milner,
Women's Editor



BE DILIGENT!

Little do we, in this generation, realize the price for freedom in our great land preceeding the momentous signing of the Declaration of Independence, and the arduous vigil of our country's American Statesmen to keep it the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave. We hope it gives every one a certain thrill whenever we see Old Glory waving in the breeze.

May we ever be as diligent every day to keep our hearts, our homes, our churches and schools, within our border, conscious of God's holy presence. May we ever keep the Banner of the Cross clearly visible and challenging — and Christ our blessed Redeemer and COMING KING enthroned in our hearts. May these verses penned by Walter Chalmers Smith thrill you as you read:

"Immortal, invisible, God only-wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, Thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above,
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest — to both great and small;
In our life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the trees,
And wither and perish — but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render;
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of Light hideth Thee! Amen."

The Bethany Women's Missionary Fellowship met at East Liverpool at the Heights Baptist Church, April 12 from 1:30-3:30.

Miss Ruth Nephew, missionary nurse to Central African Republic, was the speaker. She showed a map of Baptist Mid-Missions' missionary compound, and traced her daily activities for us, pointing out various buildings, homes of the workers, etc. Our group voted to support a Missionary Barrel, which will be presented to various missionary speakers.

Champion Baptist Ladies will host our next meeting, September 27th.

Mrs. Kenneth Romig,

Commentary on Ruth

By Walter L. Wilson, M.D.

Care For The Flock — "Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel is this?" (2:5) Remember, preachers, (this goes for women S.S. teachers and leaders of any group) God expects you to know the people that are in your flock. "Who is this damsel? Where did she come from? What's her state? What's her condition? Why is she here?" The Lord help you to look well to the state of your flocks, as the Psalmist says, and to know the people who are there, their heartaches and their needs, and to know what they are learning. You would be surprised how little some of the people learn. They come and listen to the Word, nod their heads and smile. Three hours later you ask them, "What did the minister preach about?" And they scratch their heads. They do not learn. Have an examination sometime on prayer meeting night and say, "Now who'll get up and explain justification to this audience? Jim, will you do it?" And Jim will scratch his head.

Is this person walking with God? Is that person reading the Bible? Is this third person praying? With such questions we try to find out the condition or the state of another's soul. "Whose damsel is this?" Boaz asks. And the servant replies, "It is the Moabitish damsel that came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab" (2:6). He knew who she was.

He had found out who she was, so that he could deal with her accordingly.

From Mexico — "An automobile is always as drunk as the man who drives it."

From Formosa — "Use your brain to control your feet." Or from the Germans — "Caution is not cowardly, and carelessness is not courage."

Here's a thought — In the middle ages printing was considered a "genteel" occupation and to get into the business, apprentices actually paid master printers for their training instead of being paid. Is that not true in other fields also?

KOOK'S KORNER

Cranberry-Chicken Salad

(This is nice for ladies luncheon)
2 cups diced chicken (cooked)
2 cups hard cooked eggs
1½ cup finely cut celery
½ cup stuffed olives (chopped or cut up)
1 tblsp. minced onion (go very lightly or omit)
1 cup coarsely cut cashews
Salt and pepper to taste.

Mix all above ingredients with enough salad dressing (Miracle Whip) to moisten (not too wet). Put into 8 x 10 or 9 x 10 pan.

Mix 1 pkg. Raspberry Jello and 2 cups hot Cranberry Juice. When slightly thickened pour over salad and refrigerate until set.

Cut into squares and serve in bed of lettuce with Jello layer on top. Serves 9 to 12 persons.

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Dark Valleys

By Rev. B. C. Jennings

SLEEPLESSNESS

Did you ever spend a sleepless night? Who hasn't? Let me suggest, if not a cure, at least a way to spend such periods profitably. Instead of counting sheep, try communing with the Shepherd. I did and it worked.

SCRIPTURES

One sleepless night, after trying everything but tranquilizers, I decided to quote Scripture. It was in the wee hours of the morning when I met the psalmist David. Leisurely we strolled over rolling hills, through green pastures, and beside still waters. Together we chanted:

PSALM 23:

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
HE maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
HE leadeth me beside the still waters.
HE restoreth my soul.
HE leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for
His name's sake."

SHADOWS

On we went, singing,

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death—"

Just a moment — something had happened. There was no more green grass. The waters were no longer still. They were rushing, gushing, and splashing around us with a deafening roar. Suddenly and abruptly we were in the valley — the valley of shadows.

SOLITUDE

A sense of loneliness gripped us as we entered the dark valley. The song as well as the desire to sing was gone from our hearts. To sing *about* Him was good enough on the sunny hill, but here in the dark valley our need was the *Shepherd*, not a song.

SHEPHERD

Excited and bewildered, it is doubtful that I would have been conscious of the presence of the Shepherd had not David exclaimed:

"I will fear no evil: for
THOU art with me.
THY rod and THY staff they comfort me.
THOU preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies:
THOU anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over."

Until we reached the valley, we had talked only *about* Him, speaking in the third person — "He." After reaching the valley, we talked *to* Him. Now we used the second person — "Thou," "Thy." The valley experience had made it necessary for us to draw near and talk to Him.

SHELTER

After we had met and talked with the Shepherd, the future looked different. Now we could say with assurance:

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life; and I will dwell in the
house of the Lord for ever."

SUMMARY

Beloved, it is good to talk and sing *about* the Lord and His goodness. It is easy to do that while on the sunny hill and by still waters; but when we come to the valley, as sooner or later we all will, then we will want, not only good doctrine, but the good Doctor.

If the Lord is your Shepherd, you need fear no evil. He goes before His sheep. The path that leads through the dark valley leads also to sunlit summits. Stay in it and press on.

SAVIOUR

If the Lord is not your Shepherd, won't you ask Him to be your Shepherd? There is salvation and security for all lost sheep who can say in faith believing, "The Lord is *my* Shepherd!"

The good Shepherd gave His life for the sheep
John 10:11

The great Shepherd lives to keep His sheep
Heb. 13:20 Ps. 23:

The chief Shepherd will return for His sheep
I Peter 5:4

ORPHANS . . .

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Henry C. Geiger, Executive Director

Pataskala Church Recognized

At 2:00 p.m. on May 20, 1966 a council composed of 12 messengers from 7 independent Baptist Churches, including the Ohio State Missionary, Rev. Earl Umbaugh, met at the Pataskala Bible Mission Baptist Church to consider recognizing this body of believers as a duly organized Baptist Church.

The council, after examination, voted unanimously that the Pataskala Bible Mission Baptist Church, Pataskala, Ohio be recognized as a duly organized and properly constituted Baptist Church.

It was stated during the examination that they intend to seek fellowship in both the O.A.R.B.C. and the G.A.R.B.C. A recognition service was held that evening. The Pastor of this church is Rev. Gerald Fields and the clerk is Mrs. Jean Howle. Rev. Brock of Columbus served as moderator of the examination council.

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Gifts to Hilltop House

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Faith Baptist, Amherst	5.00
First Baptist, McDonald	5.00
Memorial Baptist, Columbus	15.00
Northfield Baptist	10.00
Northfield Baptist (2nd. gift)	5.00
Calvary Baptist, Panesville	15.00
First Baptist, Elyria	64.00
Emmanuel Baptist, Toledo	25.00
Berea Baptist	25.00
Grace Baptist, Cedarville	15.00
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Fostoria Baptist	25.00
First Baptist, Bowling Green	10.00
Trinity Baptist, Lorain	5.00
Immanuel Baptist, Arcanum	25.00
Penfield Jct. Baptist, Lorain	10.00

North Olmstead Baptist	10.00
Huntsburg Baptist	10.00
Calvary Baptist, Salem	25.00
Women's Missionary U. O.A.R.B.C.	154.14
Calvary Baptist, Mannington, W. Va.	5.00
Hinckley Ridge Baptist, Hinckley	5.00
Cedar Hill Baptist, Cleve. (2nd. gift) ..	16.66
Total	\$ 529.46

APRIL — 1966

Gifts to Camp Patmos

Sharon Baptist S.S., Sharon, Pa.	\$ 5.00
Bible Baptist, North Madison	9.00
First Baptist, McDonald	5.00
Northfield Baptist	10.00
First Baptist, Elyria	53.33
Fostoria Baptist	25.00
First Baptist, Gallipolis	15.00
Trinity Baptist, Lorain	10.00
Bethlehem Baptist, Cleveland	5.00
First Baptist, Findlay	15.00
Cedar Hill Baptist, Cleveland	10.00
Blessed Hope Baptist, Springfield	10.00
North Olmstead Baptist	10.00
Immanuel Baptist, Columbus	10.00
Women's Missionary U. O.A.R.B.C.	492.19
Hinckley Ridge Baptist, Hinckley	5.00
Evansville Baptist, Niles	10.00
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PULPIT QUALITY

Waxing or Waning?

By Dr. Earl G. Griffith

Few men have the ability to write as does our brother, Dr. Earl G. Griffith, Vice-President of the Piedmont Bible College, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Brother Griffith is well known throughout the state of Ohio. Your editor counts it a privilege to be numbered as one of Dr. Griffith's many friends. Few men have had greater influence on our ministry. We hold for him only the highest esteem and love.

Perhaps in reading this article, you will not agree with all he says. One thing is certain, it will cause you to stop and seriously consider his words. In the light of such an article, how do we stand before the Lord?

This editorial may seem to be a hazardous venture. To evaluate one person honestly would be an achievement. To correctly appraise a calling that boasts a registry of tens of thousands is tight-wire walking.

The excuse for it is that it is a pastime with everyone. Most people venture a serious opinion, however wide of the mark, on whether preachers of our day gain or lose by comparison with their predecessors, or those of a distant generation.

We must concede the right of all to hold and voice opinions about the level of Christian leaders, high or low, while at the same time insisting that they are few who have adequate knowledge stemming from research, or direct contact, to express a valid judgment.

Many opinions are about as good as a "city slicker's" comparison of the egg production of Iowa with the orange crop of Florida.

Prefactory to what follows we need to tread softly. Christians can easily be ensnared into the folly of self-measurement, instead of self-effacement; into empty plaudits for favorite proclaimers instead of giving utmost honor to Him. The apostles were vulnerable here. Luke 22:24. We know that Job and Daniel were great because inspiration declares it.

Considering the Question

Likely the most objective examination of the facts would leave Christians still rooting for preferred personalities. Nothing could lessen the din in Ephesus: "Great is Diana of the Ephesians." Let Diana be as dead as a dodo. The Ephesian rabble-rousers still proclaimed her virtues and powers. Whether we add to, or

weaken the mist, let us look at this question: "Is Pulpit Quality Waxing or Waning?"

We believe Solomon would be cautious in submitting a final verdict.

The task of answering finds most people with less than a perfect gauge or weighing scale. Generalizations are worthless since they overlook many facts. It must be remembered that many persons who enjoyed eminence in days gone by, seemed like giants because they often lived among and led pigmies. A frog is a colossus to an amoeba. In the days when the masses were deprived of rudimentary knowledge, anyone with a modicum of information and some power to communicate was a genius, or a stellar performer. The lifting of the masses has leveled the "knights of King Arthur." Preachers once faced illiterates. They often face their equals or superiors. It tips the scale.

Few preachers serve in multiple rolls as they did in New England in the 17th Century. Others carry the load too.

Distance Lends Enchantment

We should prefer to support the qualifying view that there are more preachers of extraordinary power and prestige than is commonly believed. Those who travel and meet men in this highest calling should be better judges. God's true servants today are not "cast off weaklings." They are to be reckoned with. The number of these is not near the vanishing point. Name calling here would be vain and damaging. But they are around and hitting sledge hammer blows, just as their elders did. It must be remembered that "distance lends enchantment." Every generation took to the past for models of excellence. "We have Abraham to our fathers," was the spineless boast of the first century Jew, but "behold a greater than Abraham," or "Solomon" was among them. Time effaces defects and direct contact magnifies them.

Little more than one year ago, a Johns Hopkins surgeon of world renown and a Virginia Democrat said to me: "We have not had a great President since Herbert Hoover." The doctor lived a short drive from our White House. But in 1930 some did not read the thermometer that way.



Dr. Earl G. Griffith

Time has a refining and eliminating power that both elevates and lowers.

It would spell some difference if every theological student and candidate for ordination elected to read Charles Edwin Dargan's "History of Preaching." The book gives a portrayal, or sometimes but an etching, of essentially every eminent proclaimer from the apostolic days to the morning of the 20th Century. Here are more than one thousand pages of enchanting material that will rebuke and inspire and help to cull out well meaning but ineffective, inept men from the pulpit.

Edgar DeWitt Jones produced a real yardstick in: "The Royalty of the Pulpit." All too lightly men may just begin preaching. While on the wire, have you read: "C. T. Studd," or "Borden of Yale," or John Paton? An empty cranium and a loose lower jaw do not make fruitful classroom and pulpit representatives of the King of Glory.

It would be highly profitable to at least glance at some of the obvious causes of this deadly decline. These will bear consideration.

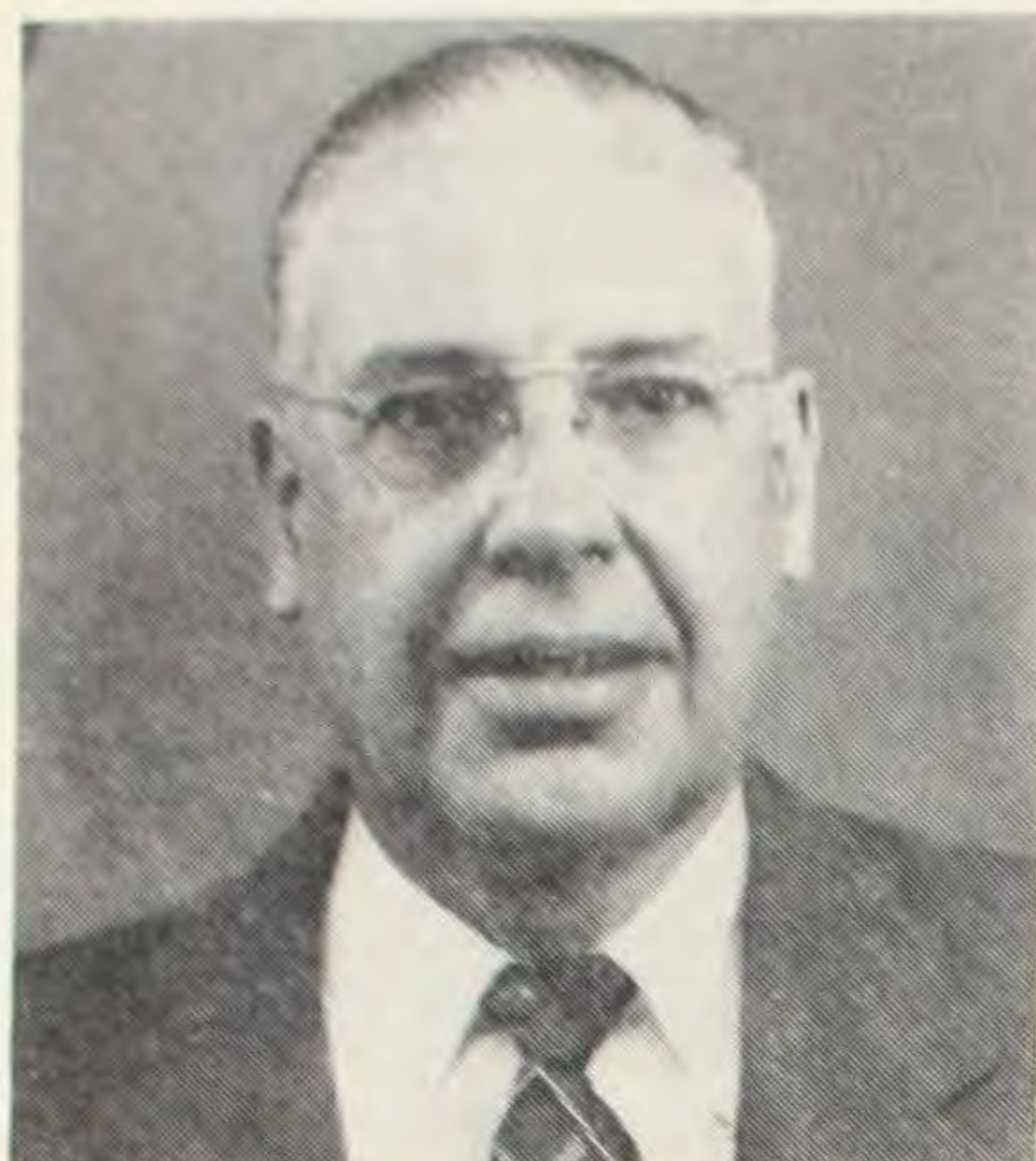
A Voice from Within

To some preaching is just one of many uplifting endeavors. It is a service, a profession, a social amelioration field. This view tears the heart out of a divine summons and loads us with weaklings. Moses and Paul are the Bible mountain-peak leaders. They were driven by a voice within.

Laymen, we prefer to think without intending to do it, push preachers into such functions, as organization foremen, stage managers and errand boys. A prophet off guard will become a puppet. Many ministers are many sided but they must not be side-tracked.

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Called to "Higher Service"



Rev. Carlton F. Matthews

In his early days of missionary service in Brazil, he was imprisoned for preaching the Gospel. At another time, an attempt upon his life was made with a bomb. More recently, he was on the list of those who were to be put to death by the Communists if they had succeeded in their attempted takeover of Brazil.

Like the Apostle Paul "none of these things moved him" from his dedication to the task of evangelizing Northeast Brazil, a ministry which resulted in the conversion of hundreds of Brazilians and the establishment of many evangelical churches.

The Rev. Carleton F. Matthews, veteran missionary serving in Brazil

under the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, suffered a coronary occlusion and was called to "higher service" at 7:00 a.m., May 12, 1966. Mr. Matthews, a native of Pittsburgh, Pa., had served as a missionary to Brazil for thirty-four years.

During World War II he was instrumental in building good relationships between the United States and Brazil when he served for five years as a civilian administrator with the U. S. Army Engineers in constructing the airfield at Parnamirim near Natal. This was the base used as a staging area for ferrying United States planes and personnel to North Africa. Mr. Matthews also served for a time as the unofficial chaplain for the U. S. Air Forces on the base.

Following the war, he had a part in founding the Berean Baptist Seminary and Institute in buildings formerly used by the U. S. Air Force at Lake Bom Fim. The school was later moved into the city of Natal to a complex of new buildings which were constructed under Mr. Matthew's direction.

In September 1957 his great love and service for the Brazilian people were recognized by them at a public ceremony attended by city, state and national dignitaries when Mr. Matthews was made an honorary citizen of Natal. As far as we know, this honor had never before been conferred upon a citizen of the United States.

Glimpses of Truth

from the

Greek New Testament

By Dr. Geo. Lawlor



James 1:6-8 shows us the right way of asking for wisdom, and in the first sentence of vs. 6 the prayer of asking is described: "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. . ." There must be the recognition of need for something to be given by God Himself, there must be constancy in our asking, we must ask in faith, and the asking must be without wavering.

The word "wavering" (*diakrino-menos*) is a present middle participle, composed of *dia* (through) and *krino* (judge, distinguish), hence "to judge through, distinguish through something and make distinctions". Christians look through their needs, at the things for which they must pray, and make judgments and distinctions between those things which seem possible and the things that appear to be impossible. They distinguish in their thinking between what they believe God can or will provide, and what He will not. Thus we arrive at some things which we believe are impossible, and doubt that God is willing and able to provide. We distinguish between the possibility that God will grant us wisdom as we need it, and the possibility that He will not.

It will be well for us to follow the example of Abraham. Rom. 4:20 states that he "staggered not" (same Greek word, *diakrino*). He made no judgments or distinctions between possible and impossible things. He did not look through his needs and distinguish between what he thought God could and would do, and what He could and would not do. He simply took God at His word, believed what He said, and never doubted His ability and faithfulness. This is what God expects of us. This is asking in faith, nothing wavering.

Euclid-Nottingham Visits Homes

Wishing to know who might be interested in our church fellowship, about 50 members of Euclid-Nottingham visited homes in the area near the church on Sunday, May 1 from 2 to 4 p.m. Over 500 actual contacts were made to learn about the residents and leave our brochure of invitation to church services. Based on the results of this survey, a more intensive follow-up will be instituted in a few weeks. Pastor Wilbur C. Rooke has delegated the planning of the entire project to Robert Buhrow, our Sunday School Superintendent.

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during a twenty-four hour period when some British missionary was not preaching in full daylight.

However, this spiritual energy came to be invested almost exclusively *abroad*. In 1830, for instance, the Church of Scotland was persuaded by Thomas Chalmers to resolve itself into a foreign missionary society. *The gaze was concentrated upon everywhere but the homeland.*

In our generation we have witnessed the dissolution of the British Empire. Socialism has triumphed politically, moral decay is accepted socially, and spiritual impotence has prevailed religiously. The land of Wesley, Hall, Spurgeon, Lightfoot, and Moule has grown cold, and the descendants of Carey have had to look to their American cousins for financial support of the missionary programs they began. Might it not have been otherwise if earlier generations had directed some of their missionary zeal toward their own people?

Consider the United States

(c) The United States of America experienced its "Great Awakening" under Jonathan Edwards two centuries ago. The immediate result was the establishment of countless churches throughout New England; the ultimate result was a propagation of spiritual life which in large measure forged what America came to be. One century ago, as the West was developed, there was an urgency about reaching these pioneers and settlers with the Gospel. "Home Missions" among those who won the West issued in the establishment of 1242 Baptist Churches alone during the period immediately preceding the Civil War.

In 1811 the now-famous "haystack prayer meeting" occurred which ultimately issued in the American foreign missionary program with Adoniram Judson as the pioneer. From this beginning a tremendous supply of personnel and finance has been devoted to the fulfillment of the Great Commission from our land to other shores. So much is this the predominant feature that the average Baptist in U.S.A. equates the term "Missions" with ministry to *foreign* countries, and rarely thinks of his own countrymen in this connection.

That this is the case may be demonstrated by a simple analysis of the average ratio of giving by our people. A survey of associational reporting will reveal that we give up to ten or

eleven times more money to distinctly *foreign* missions than we do to the reaching of our own countrymen who will establish the kind of churches which will in turn perpetuate the foreign program.

We are now in the first phase of the same cycle that eventually destroyed Germany and dissolved Great Britain. Liberalism controls the large religious machinery. Socialism is established in government. Moral decay is rampant. In the face of this Suburbia is mushrooming everywhere with little or no Gospel and the door is wide open to us.

Another consideration of equal importance is the fact that missionary expansion to foreign lands is already feeling the pinch of "saturation." The foundation was not built with sufficient rapidity in our country to support the superstructure. We will have a top-heavy program unless we employ the needed strategy without delay.

Home Missions which will plant indigenous churches which are completely self-supporting and thus self-propagating in the field of Suburbia, U.S.A. is a matter of vital urgency, not only to save America, but also to perpetuate the foreign missionary program.

(This is a summarization of Dr. Good's booklet, "Shall We Destroy Foreign Missions?" published by the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions.)

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This year's team will leave July 9 and return in mid-September. The team will visit Hawaii, Hong Kong, Singapore, Formosa, New Zealand and Australia. Each player is expected to help raise the needed money to finance this missionary endeavor. The ministry of these young athletes has also had a great impact here at home, as they speak and show films and slides of the mission field and their experiences.

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Rev. Roy G. Hamman, D.D.

At the Cedarville College Commencement Service held recently, a Doctor of Divinity degree was bestowed upon Rev. Roy G. Hamman. We know of no one more worthy to receive this honor. Perhaps it is because your editor has seen foreign missionary service, but it does his heart good knowing that the last two such degrees coming from Cedarville College were bestowed upon missionaries, Miss Ruth Hege and our brother, Roy Hamman.

Prior to bestowing the degree, Dr. Jeremiah, President of Cedarville College, along with other pertinent remarks, read the following, "Rev. Roy Hamman became a Christian as a young man and answered the call of God to missionary service. He is a graduate of the Mishawaka Seminary, attended Moody Bible Institute and spent one year of intensive language study in France. He speaks French and Sango fluently and has some knowledge of Tchad, Arabic and Sara languages. Rev. Hamman spent 23 years in Central Africa as a missionary under Mid-Missions and was the Field Director of the largest of the Mid-Missions field. For more than ten years he served on the Inter-Missions language committee whose task was the translation of the Bible in the Sango language. For several years he was the chairman of this committee. In recognition of his service in this work, in March, 1965, the British and Foreign Bible Society presented Pastor Hamman with a beautiful, leather-bound copy of the Sango New Testament with the following citation: 'Presented to Roy G. Hamman by the committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society in grateful recognition of the service rendered in preparing this version.'

There are many filing systems available to you for a price from \$15 to \$200. I have purchased from C. T. Butrin, Omaha Baptist Bible College a simplified set for \$15. A more complicated one was obtained from the Moody Bible Institute. This also was more costly. I have modified both of these to suit my needs. You will discover that your filing system will be constantly enlarging, it is better to have a basic outline with which to begin. In this issue of the O.I.B., I would like to suggest the following outline form which you may use as a pattern.

1. Apologetics
 - American Council of Christian Churches
 - National Council of Churches
 - Evolution
2. Audio-Visual Education
3. Bible
 - Material
 - General Bible
 - Law, History, Poetry
 - Major and Minor Prophets,
 - Gospels, Acts, Epistles,
 - Revelation
 - Methods of Study
4. Biography
 - Gt. Christians
 - Missionary
5. Book Reviews and Digests
6. Camps
 - Curriculum, Counselors,
 - Grounds, Equipment, Man-
 - agement, Staff
7. Children's Church
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 - Cork, Flower, Leather, Metal,
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 - Wood, etc.
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 - iliary Organizations (Women's,
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 - Ordinances, Construction and
 - By-Laws, etc.
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 - Club
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13. Devotions
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 - Home, History
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Talent Contest Winners



Mary Thomason



Cathy Williamson

Deft fingers searching out the right notes; memories recalled the right words; voices responded to controlled breathing. The occasion was Talents for Christ Contest which brought young people from various points in Ohio to Cedarville College on May 21 to compete for a first place position. The winners in most cases were encouraged to go on to the GARB conference in Grand Rapids to compete with other winners from other states.

Those placing first in various categories were Kathleen Wells from Northfield, public speaking; Cathy Williamson from Toledo, piano; Cynthia Lowe from Akron, violin; Robert Killea from Windsor, boys' voice; Mary Tomason from Batavia, Bible knowledge; Joyce Motts from Northfield, French horn; Carol Hes from North Royalton, girls' voice.

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A Psalm and A Poem

By Ralph T. Nordlund

(Read PSALM IV in your Bible first)

O hear me when I call on Thee,
God of my righteousness;
Have mercy as Thou didst before
When I was in distress.
In safety Thou hast made me dwell,
And surely yet will keep;
So, facing night with inward peace,
I lay me down to sleep.
O sons of men, how long will ye
My glory turn to shame?
How long use lies and vanity
To ruin my good name?
The Lord has set His own apart
In treasure chambers deep;
And so, assured He hears my prayers,
I lay me down to sleep.
Let holy awe hush sinful thoughts
And all your being fill;
Consult your heart upon your bed,
And worship and be still.
Let others doubt that God is good,
Though corn and wine they reap;
But as for me, with gladsome faith
I lay me down to sleep.

Whether we think Psalm 3 is a morning or evening Psalm, there can be no question about Psalm 4. After reviewing the slanders and criticisms he faced during the day, David closes with this determination of faith, "I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep." He clearly intended that this should be a comforting devotional for the evening hours.

If David understood the importance of forgetting the troubles of the day and of trusting God for sleep and protection, how much more ought not we in this day of popularized psychiatry? No matter how many troubles we face, we will never crack up if we let faith rock us to sleep. And why should not Christians do so? Why go to bed with our worries, if we truly believe that "God takes care of His own"?

A Christian: Faith makes a Christian, Life proves a Christian, Trial confirms a Christian, The Rapture will crown a Christian.

Midview Baptist Reports Blessing

A recent report from the Midview Baptist Church reads as follows. . . "Fourteen people have been added to the membership of our church. Four of these came by letter and ten by profession of faith and baptism.

At a recent congregational business meeting the church voted to purchase an organ for the auditorium. It was also voted to replace the old pews and folding chairs with new pews. The seating capacity will be increased to 208. Recent attendance figures for the morning services have made this additional seating provision a necessity."

(Editor's Note: This is good news! Surely the Lord led these folk in the calling of our brother Rev. Lauren Schenck to be their pastor.)

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God will use the Christian who has his tools ready.

Chillicothe Church Recognized

On May 23rd the meeting of a council was called to consider the recognizing of the Calvary Baptist Church, Chillicothe, Ohio as a duly organized Regular Baptist Church. Rev. Wm. C. McKeever, Columbus, was elected chairman of this council and Rev. Donald Grollmund, Wheelersburg as clerk.

The members of this council examined closely the covenant, articles of faith and constitution of the church. They were then acted upon and after noting possible changes and clarifications, it was moved, seconded and voted unanimously that this council recognize the church as a duly organized Baptist Church.

25th Anniversary

On May 22nd, Rev. and Mrs. Martin E. Holmes of Sunbury, Ohio celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary with open house at the parsonage. 70 guests signed the guest book. Among other gifts received, the Church presented them with a Money Tree of fifty dollars.

Enthusiastic Over Contest!

The enthusiasm of several young people in the O.I.B. subscription contest proved contagious. Mr. Harold Lewis, Superintendent of the Intermediate Department of our Sunday School conceived the idea of a display of pages from different issues of the paper, to show how it so well carries news items of interest to many different classes of our church family — Young People — Women — Men — Christian Education — Church Extension, etc. Taking various issues over the past six months, he used a machine at work to make excellent pictures of the particular pages needed for the display. A small card, different in color for each group of pages, called attention to the news featured and stapled cards and pages to a large board which rests on a table in the church lobby. The subscription contest and the official flyer given participants in the contest, are the center of one display. Another display featured complete copies of a number of issues over the past months.

"HER PERFECT WORK?" (JAS. 1:4)



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Mogadore Dedicates New Building



At a special service in early May, members and friends of the Mogadore Baptist Church dedicated their new \$25,000 building. The new church is a two-story building with a seating capacity of 150 on the first floor with seven classrooms downstairs.

A number of ministers participated in the Dedication Service which was led by its pastor, Rev. Wm. J. Absalom. The main message was delivered by Rev. B. F. Cate of Tallmadge, who spoke on the theme, "Conformed to His Image."

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Sitting through long irksome hours with committees, examining endless statistical reports, spending one's energies on other matters, though ever so needful, never produced pulpit ministry of the highest order.

With these obvious angles considered I want, however, to support the thesis that pulpit quality and power are comparably down, regrettably so. This is the view of every competent observer on the subject over a period of thirty years. We heard Doctor William Pettingill say that the men and message of the American pulpit were on the downgrade and no relief in sight, thirty-five years ago. There is no satisfaction in admitting the soundness of his judgment, but it can't be denied.

It does not take a research expert to corroborate this view. Make this approach. Does London have a Parker, Spurgeon or Meyer today? Does Boston have one Brooks, Myer or Gordon to grace her cultural skyline? Who among New York's jostling millions, thunders or entices like a Talmadge, Jowett or Haldeman? Who in Chicago answers exquisitely to the stature of a Moody, Philpot

or Rader? Is there a Chapman in Philadelphia? Is there a Bustard in Cleveland? Is there a Riley in Minneapolis? Is there a Broadus in Louisville? We stop here with this test to avert monotony, not because the trail ends.

Think of special areas of teaching and preaching. What Rescue Mission is headed by a Trotter, or a McCauley, a Monroe or a Hadley?

The foreign mission program of our day is worthy, astronomic and ought to enjoy fuller support. But how often does a Carey, a Judson, a Livingston, or a Mary Slessor go?

There are intriguing and effective evangelists today, but the Finneys, Sundays Biederwolfs, Joneses are all too few and rare.

Reasons for Decline

If pulpit stock has dropped, what accounts for it? To us it seems self evident that in countless instances men have assumed the role of the preacher, or the pastor-preacher, with less than majestic concepts of their calling.

Along with this, the substitution of countless Lord's day attractions for exegesis, exposition, heart searching messages from the rostrum, leave pul-

Plans Laid For 1967 S. S. Conference

A group of our Southern Ohio pastors along with some members of the Cedarville College faculty, met with Rev. Fred M. Barlow to formulate plans for a Sunday School Conference.

Brother Barlow is the Sunday School Consultant of the Regular Baptist Press. He is one who has done much in the developing of successful Sunday School work among our churches.

The proposed conference has as its tentative dates, Nov. 13 and 14, 1967. It will be held at Cedarville College. Similar conferences held in like areas have had as many as 1000 or more in attendance. Cedarville College offers the facilities to accommodate that many and more if necessary.

At the meeting just held, necessary ground work was accomplished. Heads of committees such as Prayer, Registration, Housing, Publicity and the like were considered. The College graciously gave those attending this meeting a lovely dinner. It is hoped that the conference in the Fall of '67 will be one of the best ever!

pit and pew pale.

The greed for money in our day has not left the preacher untainted. We wonder how much is written, spoken, done, or left undone, with but one end in sight, namely financial gain. A mercenary church or preacher is a nameless curse. The with-holder and the schemer, with his boldness or his bag of tricks for loosening someone's grasp, are comparable curses.

Assuming a man to be God-called, physically, morally and mentally equipped; progressively gaining by experience, each sermon that issues from his dedicated heart and lips should be marked by three striking characteristics, namely:

Facts, resistless and scriptural.
Form, clear and logical.

Fire, or Spirit-unction that makes the man a living voice "crying in the wilderness" to dead men.

Let no laymen find ground to gloat here. Preachers commonly come from the homes of laymen. Homes where vital Christian experience is known and shown will remain the principal source of spiritual leadership. Only the Lord can restore lost glow.

"Pray ye therefore."

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